



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Assignee's Docket No.: 7204)
Group Art Unit: 2764)
Serial No.: 09/020,699)
Examiner: Chinor M. Lee)
Filing Date: February 9, 1998)
Title: Method and Apparatus for)
Determining the Validity)
of a Data Processing)
Transaction)

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20232

Sir:

Please cancel claim 20, without prejudice.

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the letter mailed on July 21, 2000.

In response to the assertion that the Notice of Appeal and the previous Amendment were signed by a party who is not of record, Applicant points out that MPEP § 1205(e) states that a notice of appeal does not require a signature. Also, 37 CFR § 1.191(b) states:

(b) The signature requirement of § 1.33 does not apply to a notice of appeal filed under this section.

In response to any assertion that the previous Amendment was